

APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

3. (Amended) A coolant for fuel cells in accordance with claim 1 ~~either one of claims 1 and 2~~, wherein the rust-preventive additive includes at least one of an alkalescent additive and an acidulous additive.
4. (Amended) A coolant for fuel cells in accordance with claim 1 ~~either one of claims 1 and 2~~, wherein the rust-preventive additive includes an alkaline additive and an acidic additive.
7. (Amended) A coolant for fuel cells in accordance with claim 4 ~~any one of claims 4 to 6~~, wherein the acidic additive is selected out of the group consisting of triazole compounds, phosphoric acid compounds, and organophosphoric acid compounds.
8. (Amended) A coolant for fuel cells in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the rust-preventive additive causes said coolant for fuel cells to have a hydrogen ion exponent of about 6 to 9.
9. (Amended) A coolant for fuel cells in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the rust-preventive additive causes said coolant for fuel cells to have a low electric conductivity of less than about 100 μ S/cm.
10. (Amended) A coolant for fuel cells in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein the rust-preventive additive especially has rust-preventive performance against aluminum material.
13. (Amended) A coolant in accordance with claim 11 ~~either one of claims 11 and 12~~, said coolant is decontaminated by a coolant decontamination system using either one of an ion exchange resin and a chelating resin.

14. (Amended) A coolant in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~, said coolant has undergone deoxidization.

15. (Amended) A method of enclosing a coolant in accordance with ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1 in a cooling circuit for a stack of fuel cells, said method comprising the steps of: deoxidizing said coolant; and enclosing said deoxidized coolant with an inert gas in said cooling circuit.

16. (Amended) A cooling system for a stack of fuel cells, said cooling system comprising: a coolant in accordance with claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~; and a cooling circuit in which said coolant and an inert gas are enclosed.